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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - AFGHANISTAN AND BURMA

11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Thursday morning included a Nikkei report saying that Toyota Motors is planning to establish a research and development center in China next year.

12. "Karzai Should Restore Domestic and International Confidence" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (11/5): "Karzai stated after his victory was confirmed that he will do his utmost to eliminate corruption.... It is important for Karzai to start by making maximum efforts to eliminate fraud and corruption in his government in order to restore domestic and international trust."

13. "Priority Should be Placed on 'Ethnic Reconciliation'" The liberal Mainichi argued in an editorial (11/5): "It is regrettable that we have lost the chance to conduct a fair election and elicit public opinion again.... However, we should respect the choice of the nation despite various concerns.... Ethnic reconciliation is one of the most important factors leading to the stabilization of Afghanistan. We would like to support efforts to bring about national reconciliation."

14. "U.S. Ready to Improve Ties with Burma" The liberal Asahi wrote from Bangkok (11/5): "In September the Obama administration announced a policy shift, from a sanctions-only approach to promoting dialogue with the Burmese junta. Since Assistant Secretary Campbell has expressed the U.S.'s willingness to improve its relations with the nation, the U.S. will likely activate its engagement policy in the future."

15. "U.S. Ready to Improve Ties with Burma" In a correspondent's report from Bangkok, the liberal Tokyo Shimbun wrote (11/5): "Assistant Secretary of State Campbell made a statement before he left Burma in which he said that the U.S. is prepared to improve its relations with the nation. He also called on the junta to make concrete efforts toward democratization. With Campbell's visit, the U.S. took a step toward normalizing its ties with the country. However, it is unclear to what extent the junta will respond to the U.S.'s calls, including the call for the release of political prisoners such as Aung San Suu Kyi."

